

Appreciating of the beauty of the  
sea. I am afraid however that it  
would take a very long voyage to  
put me on my sea legs, so that  
I come as mine what is to be  
seen.

I would quite give up the  
hope of seeing you and the little ones  
this fall or winter. If Meade contem-  
plates a Fall campaign, it will  
not be of course the that is over.  
And as I hope the army will not  
be kept in shelter tents all the  
coming winter, as they last, I think there  
will be a chance to get away  
for twenty or thirty days.

If I find on my arrival at  
Alexandria, that ~~there are~~ ~~we are~~ ~~obliged to~~  
go to the front, I shall send the  
fund to New York to get a warrant  
on my Life Insurance & direct them  
to send it to you. I showed him  
taken it out in New York but the  
idea among us was then that we  
were to stay in Washington or Alexan-  
dria & that it would not be near  
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to the front & shall leave Alex-  
andria  
on Friday  
morning  
for the  
tells  
Sept 13.



Steamer Baltic  
Chesapeake Bay  
Sunday Sept 16. 13

My dear Wife:

Now I am again at  
my sunny business, but in an  
unwanted place. - We left New York  
on Saturday morning about 6 o'clock,  
passing Fort Hamilton at sunset. We  
fired ten guns & dipped our flag, but  
didn't see reports from Church's  
star, the flag being dipped three times.  
The trip has not been so disagree-  
able as I anticipated. Friday was a  
very stormy day & I was very glad  
we were not out in it. On Satur-  
day morning the weather promised bet-  
ter & when we got outside we found  
the sea smoother than we had ex-  
pected. Nevertheless several of the  
officers were sick & some of them  
very sick. To my surprise, I was  
not sick at all. I felt squeam-  
ish some of the time, but got along  
very well by lying down. Being the  
Comd Off I had the best state room



in the ship. It was no particular privation to stay in it, as it rained most of the time. The boat is large and staunch & we have about 800 persons on board. So far we have got along quite comfortably, having had no trouble with the men since leaving New York, when it required a good deal of vigilance to prevent desertion.

When I reach Alexandria I may perhaps be able to tell what is to be done with us. At present we are left to conjecture. All the officers who have been in field are now left to go back to the Army of the Potomac. The prospect is very fair now that they will have another campaign on the "sacred soil" Contrabands says he would not mind if he could get any thing to eat. By the way he is not with us having got leave of absence just as we started. I wrote you about his accident, - his foot has not recovered sufficiently

to allow him to go into the field.

There has not been a single incident on the voyage, up to this present writing, worthy of record. We have not seen a whale, seen a ship, the fish even have not been disposed to gambol in this stormy weather, so we have had nothing to do but sit on the gunner & watch the movements of the waves. This you know is the first time I have ever been out of sight of land. I don't think the sensation is very different from that you have when the land is twenty or thirty miles off. The romance & beauty of the sea however is almost entirely spoiled by sea sickness. Although I haven't had it I have been on the verge of it repeatedly, and the uneasiness at the pit of my stomach, quite stops the operation of my bump of sentimentality. I must go on a longer trip before I can speak